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ANNUAL REPORT
on the Health of the
RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD
during the year 1965

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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965



To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Wright & Gentlemen,

It is important that those who may peruse this report should be reminded of its limitations. One would not present it as an all embracing account of the state of health of the inhabitants of this Rural District but rather as a report on matters as are known concerning Public Health within the administrative area of the Council. The Health Department of the Council is responsible for environmental hygiene and control of infectious disease. To carry out this duty it has a staff of 3 whole time Public Health Inspectors (one being the Chief Public Health Inspector) and two part time Medical Officers.

One of the main problems of the previous three years, that of the gypsy encampment at Cobham, has now fortunately taken its place in history, but the Council were reminded of their sojourn when a local land owner was successful in action through the Court of Quarter Sessions which decided in his favour under Sections 94 and 99 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Many well intentioned people remote from the squalor of gypsy life might well consider the Council's present policy of immediate movement of itinerants who try to settle in their area, as harsh, but having established a site for 12 families with all amenities they must act as a responsible authority with a primary concern for the well being of residents in their district.

There is only one solution to the difficulties posed by the wayside itinerants and that is the provision of sufficient sites with numbers of families kept within manageable groups and each family provided with its own lavatory in a communal block.

The experience in this district with some 50 families of up to 200 individuals in total was salutary - the toilet facilities, which included water closets, urinals, baths, showers and wash hand basins rapidly became a shambles and neither the Council nor the site operator could control the destruction. Again one must take a long term view of the problem posed by this section of the population and hope that rehabilitative measures may be more productive in the rising generation, should little response be forthcoming from the adults.

STATISTICAL COMMENTARY

POPULATION

35,840

This mid year estimate by the Registrar General was 2,360 in excess of the previous years figure being indicative of the steady increase in the population of the District.

TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

774

There was an increase of 36 over the previous year's total births.

BIRTH RATE

18.78

The birth rate per 1000 population (as corrected by the comparability factor) was 18.78 being lower than the previous year's figure of 20.93 still compared favourably with the national average for England and Wales of 18.10

TOTAL STILL BIRTHS

13

The stillbirth rate of 16.51 per 1000 total births was slightly in excess of the National figure for England and Wales of 15.80

INFANT MORTALITY TOTAL DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR

9

The infant mortality rate was 11.49 per 1000 total live births which compared very favourably with the rate for England and Wales of 19.00. Fluctuation of figures at local level is, however, to be expected when one is dealing with relatively small

ILLEGITIMATE
BIRTHS

45

DEATH RATE
TOTAL DEATHS

263

numbers. Of the total number of deaths under one year of age of 9, there were included in that figure 6 deaths under one month of life.

This total was 5.81% of the total births but while an increase over the previous year's figure of 4.2% it remained below the National average for England and Wales of 7.67%. None of these infants died during the first year of life.

The corrected death rate was 10.33 per 1000 population. This rate compared favourably with the National figure for England and Wales of 11.50 per 1000 population.

The main causes of death retained the usual pattern being -

(a) Degenerative disease of the Circulatory System -

53% of total deaths

(b) Cancer (all forms) including 9 males and 3 females who died from Cancer of the Lung) -

21% of total deaths

(c) Diseases of Respiratory System (excluding Cancer) -
16. Pneumonia;
9. Bronchitis;
1. Other;

10% of total deaths

<u>VIOLENT DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Accidents (motor)	2	0
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	3	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASE
NOTIFICATIONS
EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS

301

Measles was prevalent during the 3 months of the year being a continuation of the previous year's epidemic - 295 notifications were received.

Other infectious diseases notified were:-

Whooping Cough	5
Scarlet Fever	1

The Local Health Authority (Kent C.C.) is responsible for promoting preventative inoculation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis as well as vaccination against smallpox and figures showing the numbers covered during the year will be found in the body of the report.

The advent of an approved vaccine for protection against Measles may eventually bring about effective control of this common infectious disease of childhood.

TUBERCULOSIS

4 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 1 of Non-Pulmonary origin were notified being in keeping with the previous year's figure.

The total number of persons remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year was 170 being an increase of 6 over the previous year's total.

HOUSING

At the end of the year there were occupied in the district 24 houses which had been accepted by the Council as unfit for human habitation under the Housing Act, 1957 some having been occupied for up to 5 years since the order became operative. The actual number of houses reported to the Council during the year under review for action within the Housing Act, 1957 was 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL
HYGIENE

Progress towards elimination of the pail closet and privy in the district continued, but there remained at the end of the year 158 houses with pails and 6 with privies out of a total of 11,252.

WATER SUPPLY

The supply from public water mains was satisfactory and routine samples are taken for analysing both by the Water Board Chemist and the Public Health Laboratory.

There are 15 houses on private supplies and 56 use standpipes and these receive special attention.

STAFF

Mr. E.J. Bristow died on 6th September, 1965 having served the Department loyally and efficiently for the past 7 years. Mr. C.D. Uden was appointed Rodent Officer from 1st November, 1965.

Mr. J.D. Button additional Public Health Inspector resigned from 27th August, 1965 and the Department was without a replacement to the end of the year.

I am grateful for the information given by officers in other departments of the Rural District Council which has aided me in preparation of the report as well as the County Medical Officer for his continued co-operation in the supply of appropriate statistics.

The Staff of the Health Department join with me in recording our appreciation of the interest and support shown by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee in our work during the year.

L.F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

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Clerk of the Council:

A.E. Stroud

Solicitors:

Messrs. Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

L.F. McWilliams, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

(part time appointment in association with the
Borough of Chatham and City of Rochester)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

R.G. Brennen, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

(part time appointment in association with the
Kent County Council, Borough of Chatham and
City of Rochester)

Chief Public Health Inspector:

G. Wilson, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

District Public Health Inspectors:

D.W. Horncastle, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

J.D. Button, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (resigned 27.8.65)

Rodent Officer & General Assistant:

E.J. Bristow (died 6.9.65)

C.D. Uden (commenced 1.11.65)

Clerk:

Miss K.V. Merry

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

1965

Area of district	48,413 acres
Estimated mid year Resident Population	35,840
Number of inhabited houses	11,222
Rateable value at 1st April, 1966.....	£2,351,000
1st April, 1965.....	£2,316,733
1st April, 1964.....	£2,228,790
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1966.....	£9,981
1st April, 1965.....	£9,310
1st April, 1964.....	£8,571
Total births (live and still).....	787
Live births.....	774
Birth rate (after comparability factor has been applied)...	18.78
Rate for England and Wales.....	18.10
Stillbirths.....	13
Stillbirth rate.....	16.51
Rate for England and Wales.....	15.80
Illegitimate births.....	45
Illegitimate birth rate.....	5.81
Rate for England and Wales.....	7.67
Deaths.....	263
Death rate (after comparability factor has been applied)...	10.33
Rate for England and Wales.....	11.50
Infantile Mortality rate.....	11.49
Rate for England and Wales.....	19.00

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT

WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Alpha Cement Co.,	Cliffe	...	Cement
Atlas Stone Co.,	Shorne	...	Artificial Stone
Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd.,	Hoo	...	Oil Refinery
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Ltd.,	Grain	...	Oil Refinery
British Basket & Besto Co.Ltd.,	Cuxton	...	Basket making
British Uralite Ltd.,	Higham	...	Asbestos cement
Burnett & Rolfe Ltd.,	Frindsbury	...	Dairy & Brewery plant
Cornford Engineering Ltd.,	Hoo	...	Light engineering
Leeming & Co.(Cobham) Ltd.,	Cobham	...	Paints & Varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Co.,	Frindsbury	...	Tarpauling & sails; barge repairs
J.J. Maybank (Strood) Ltd.,	Frindsbury	...	Waste paper recovery
Medway Buildings Ltd.,	Frindsbury	...	Timber buildings
Rugby Portland Cement Co.Ltd.,	Halling	...	Cement
Sitecast Limited,	Hoo	...	Prefabricated concrete buildings
South Eastern Gas Board,	Grain	...	Gas from oil
Turner, King & Shephard Ltd.,	Cuxton	...	Paint, etc.
Waller Engineering Ltd.,	Meopham	...	Light engineering

CAUSES OF DEATH

(from General Register Office, Somerset House)

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under 1 year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Cancer - Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Cancers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3	7	1	-	-	3	-
Leukaemia - Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coronary Disease, Angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	7	4	-	7	-	9
High Blood Pressure-Heart dis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	6	2	10	2	-	4	15	11
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Other Circulatory Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	-	5	3	14
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	4
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	1	6	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gastritis,Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other defined & ill-defined Diseases	3	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	6
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	4	2	10	8	30	19	45	30	44	55	

ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1965

(as notified from Registrar's Office, Guildhall, Rochester)

PARISH	AGE GROUPS										
	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under one year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-
Cliffe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	8	13
Cobham	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	3
Frindsbury	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	8	13	9
Halling	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	13	6
Higham	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	4	9
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Hoo	2	1	-	-	1	1	2	2	9	9	13
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	6	12	21
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Shorne	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	5	6	8
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	5
TOTALS	6	3	-	1	3	3	7	18	48	76	99
Percentage of Total deaths	2.27%	1.13%	-	.38%	1.13%	1.13%	2.65%	6.82%	18.19%	28.79%	37.5%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuber- culosis		Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary			
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	10
Cliffe	-	1	-	-	2
Cobham	-	-	-	-	1
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-
Frindsbury	-	-	1	5	115
Halling	1	-	-	-	-
Higham	-	-	-	-	16
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-
Hoo	-	-	-	-	69
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	12
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	1
Meopham	3	-	-	-	66
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	-	-	3
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	1	1	5	295

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in
each month of 1965:

1965	Tuber- culosis		Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary			
January	-	-	-	-	97
February	2	-	-	-	72
March	-	-	-	-	63
April	-	-	-	4	10
May	-	-	-	-	12
June	-	-	-	1	18
July	-	-	-	-	19
August	1	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	1
October	1	-	1	-	1
November	-	-	-	-	2
December	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	1	1	5	295

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on the
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis
for the year ended 31st December, 1965:

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of year	65	60	125	24	15	39	164
(b) No. of Cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.	3	1	4	1	-	1	5
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during year.	7	10	17	2	-	2	19
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year.	10	2	12	4	2	6	18
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year.	65	69	134	23	13	36	170

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The following table shows the number of persons who were immunised against Diphtheria during 1965:

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY		RE-INFORCING	
	Triple	Diph/Tet.	Triple	Diph/Tet.
1965	337	4	-	-
1964	298	2	22	-
1963	23	3	275	29
1962	3	3	90	13
1961	-	2	11	31
1958-1960	2	2	151	177
1949-1957	-	-	5	33
TOTALS	663	16	554	283

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table shows the poliomyelitis vaccination figures for 1965 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health:

YEAR	3RD AND 4TH DOSE (SALK AND ORAL)	3 ORALS (COMPLETE COURSE)
1965	1	146
1964	2	392
1963	-	40
1962	-	14
1958-1961	295	10
1949-1957	57	5
TOTALS	355	607

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1965:

PRIMARY VACCINATION 1 YEAR	RE-VACCINATION SCHOOL AGE BUT UNDER 8 YEARS
432	-

WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of the Ministry of Health, Circular 1/65 the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Board. Halling Parish is supplied by Mid Kent Water Company.

The water has proved to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality, to meet the needs of the resident domestic population and 36 bacteriological and 3 chemical samples were taken during the year. Supplied from wells both within the Rural District and adjoining district, the hardness of the water ranged between 276 and 336 parts per million. One other chemical sample was taken from a private well which was found to be satisfactory.

The chemical analyses are shown on pages 11, 12 and 13.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The table below shows details of supply to dwelling houses in each parish of the Rural District.

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses with Indoor Water Supply	No. of Houses with Stand- pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on Private Supply Wells & Springs
Allhallows	148	148	-	148	-
Cliffe	836	802	34	836	-
Cobham	411	411	-	411	-
Cooling	53	53	-	53	-
Cuxton	772	772	-	772	-
Frindsbury Extra	1,802	1,802	-	1,802	-
Halling	753	753	-	752	1
Higham	1,247	1,246	1	1,247	-
High Halstow	319	319	-	318	1
Hoo	1,660	1,660	-	1,658	2
Isle of Grain	264	261	3	264	-
Luddesdown	79	79	-	78	1
Meopham	1,783	1,780	3	1,776	7
St. Mary Hoo	63	62	1	62	1
Shorne	849	845	4	847	2
Stoke	213	203	10	213	-
TOTALS	11,252	11,196	56	11,237	15
Percentage of Totals		99.50%	.50%	99.87%	.13%

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 3, Islingham Farm Cottages, Wainscott, Frindsbury Extra.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.3

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	535
Solids in Solution after ignition.....	442
Chlorides as Chlorine.....	78
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	270
Non-Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	66
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	336
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	270
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....	0.11
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....	0.05
Nitrate Nitrogen.....	8.0
Nitrite Nitrogen.....	not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....	0.14
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....	0.24
Dissolved Oxygen.....	---
Biochemical Oxygen Demand.....	---
Fluoride.....	---
Toxic Metals.....	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Free.....	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....	not detected

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies Developing Upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C.....	250 per ml.
(b) In 3 days at 22°C.....	700 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform Count.....	Nil per 100 ml.
Including Faecal Coli.....	---
Streptococcus Faecalis.....	---

OPINION:

The water is fit for use.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 22, Pilgrims Road, North Halling.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 6.9

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	372
Solids in Solution after ignition.....	341
Chlorides as Chlorine.....	29
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	275
Non-Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	1
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	276
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	275
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....	0.06
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....	0.03
Nitrate Nitrogen.....	2.0
Nitrite Nitrogen.....	not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....	0.22
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....	0.38
Dissolved Oxygen.....	---
Biochemical Oxygen Demand.....	---
Fluoride.....	---
Toxic Metals.....	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Free.....	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....	not detected

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies Developing Upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C.....	5 per ml.
(b) In 3 days at 22°C.....	4 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform Count.....	Nil per 100 ml.
Including Faecal Coli.....	---
Streptococcus Faecalis.....	---

OPINION:

The water is fit for drinking.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- British Uralite Works, Canal Road, Higham.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.1

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	536
Solids in Solution after ignition.....	521
Chlorides as Chlorine.....	112
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	260
Non-Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	84
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	344
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	260
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....	not detected
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....	not detected
Nitrate Nitrogen.....	0.5
Nitrite Nitrogen.....	not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....	0.20
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....	0.32
Dissolved Oxygen.....	---
Biochemical Oxygen Demand.....	---
Fluoride.....	---
Toxic Metals.....	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Free.....	---
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....	---

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies Developing Upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C.....	94 per ml.
(b) In 3 days at 22°C.....	170 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform Count.....	Nil per 100 ml.
Including Faecal Coli.....	---
Streptococcus Faecalis.....	---

OPINION:

The water is fit for drinking but it is noted that there has been a distinct increase in the chloride content since December 1962 when the amount found was 33 p.p.m. as chlorine.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District but several pools have now been installed at Schools mainly for the purpose of teaching young children to swim.

Advice and help has been given, where required, regarding purification of the water.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Refuse is collected weekly throughout the district, from the rear of the premises, by means of the paper sack method.

After collection refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundary of the City of Rochester, and the tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

Cesspool and pail closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of four times per year. In the case of shared cesspools (2 or more houses connected to one cesspool), four emptyings per house are allowed.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

A total of 158 houses have pail closets and 10 have privies.

SEWERAGE

Extensions to the sewers in the Parishes of Higham, High Halstow and Shorne were completed and houses connected, and reconstruction work at the sewage works in the Parish of Hoo was completed.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	148	146	2	-
Cliffe	836	802	32	2
Cobham	411	404	7	-
Cooling	53	53	-	-
Cuxton	772	772	-	-
Frindsbury Extra	1,802	1,785	17	-
Halling	753	753	-	-
Higham	1,247	1,239	3	5
High Halstow	319	309	10	-
Hoo	1,660	1,641	19	-
Isle of Grain	264	253	11	-
Luddesdown	79	73	6	-
Meopham	1,783	1,771	10	2
St. Mary Hoo	63	48	14	1
Shorne	849	842	7	-
Stoke	213	193	20	-
TOTALS	11,252	11,084	158	10

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.
Allhallows	148	130	18
Cliffe	836	246	590
Cobham	411	342	69
Cooling	53	-	53
Cuxton	772	745	27
Frindsbury	1,802	1,630	172
Halling	753	744	9
Higham	1,247	1,005	242
High Halstow	319	265	54
Hoo	1,660	1,547	113
Isle of Grain	264	218	46
Luddesdown	79	37	42
Meopham	1,783	1,246	537
St. Mary Hoo	63	-	63
Shorne	849	640	209
Stoke	213	139	74
TOTALS	11,252	8,934	2,318

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 62 and by private enterprise 722 making a total of 784.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses as at 31st December, 1965:-

Allhallows.....	15	High Halstow.....	
Cliffe/Cooling.....	47	and St. Mary Hoo.....	8
Cobham/Luddesdown.....	26	Hoo.....	137
Cuxton.....	20	Isle of Grain.....	22
Frindsbury.....	139	Meopham.....	78
Halling.....	42	Shorne.....	20
Higham.....	49	Stoke.....	19

Five-year Slum Clearance Programme 1955/60

The position at the end of 1965 was as follows:-

(a)	Total No. of Houses reported to Ministry of Housing and Local Government.....	232
(b)	Total No. of Houses dealt with by Department.....	232
(c)	Total No. of Houses demolished.....	200
(d)	Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition.....	8
(e)	Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store.....	23
(f)	Total No. of Houses occupied.....	1

Three-year Slum Clearance Programme 1962/65

The position at the end of 1965 was as follows:-

(a)	Total No. of Houses reported to Ministry of Housing and Local Government.....	104
(b)	Total No. of Houses dealt with by Department.....	99
(c)	Total No. of Houses awaiting action.....	5
(d)	Total No. of Houses demolished.....	48
(e)	Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition.....	19
(f)	Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store.....	14
(g)	Total No. of Houses still occupied.....	23

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47

No action was taken under this Section of the Act for the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

Section 50

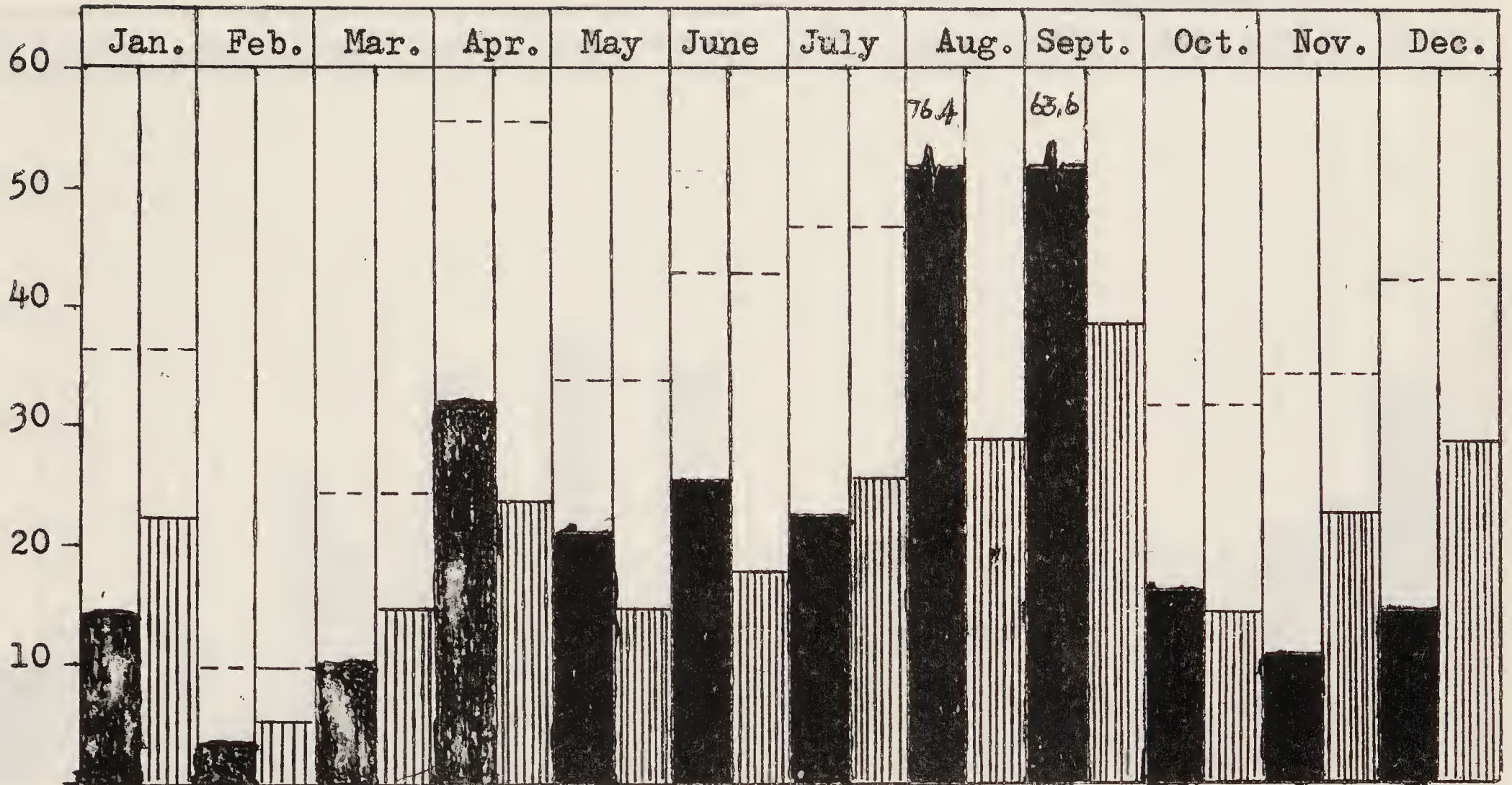
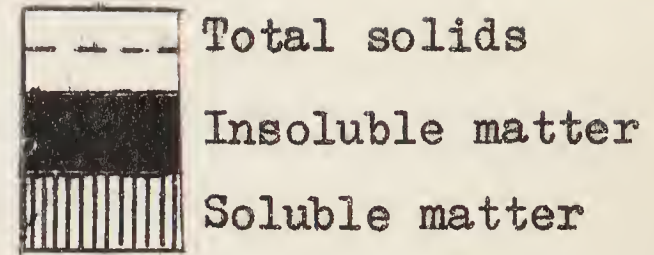
No action was taken under this Section of the Act.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORATE AND
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Conference	Place held	Dates	Attended by -
Royal Society of Health	Eastbourne	25th - 30th April, 1965	C.P.H.I. M.O.H.
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Blackpool	13th - 17th September, 1965	C.P.H.I.
Public Health	Weymouth	6th - 8th October, 1965	M.O.H.
Clean Air	Eastbourne	26th - 29th October, 1965	C.P.H.I.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

CLIFFE



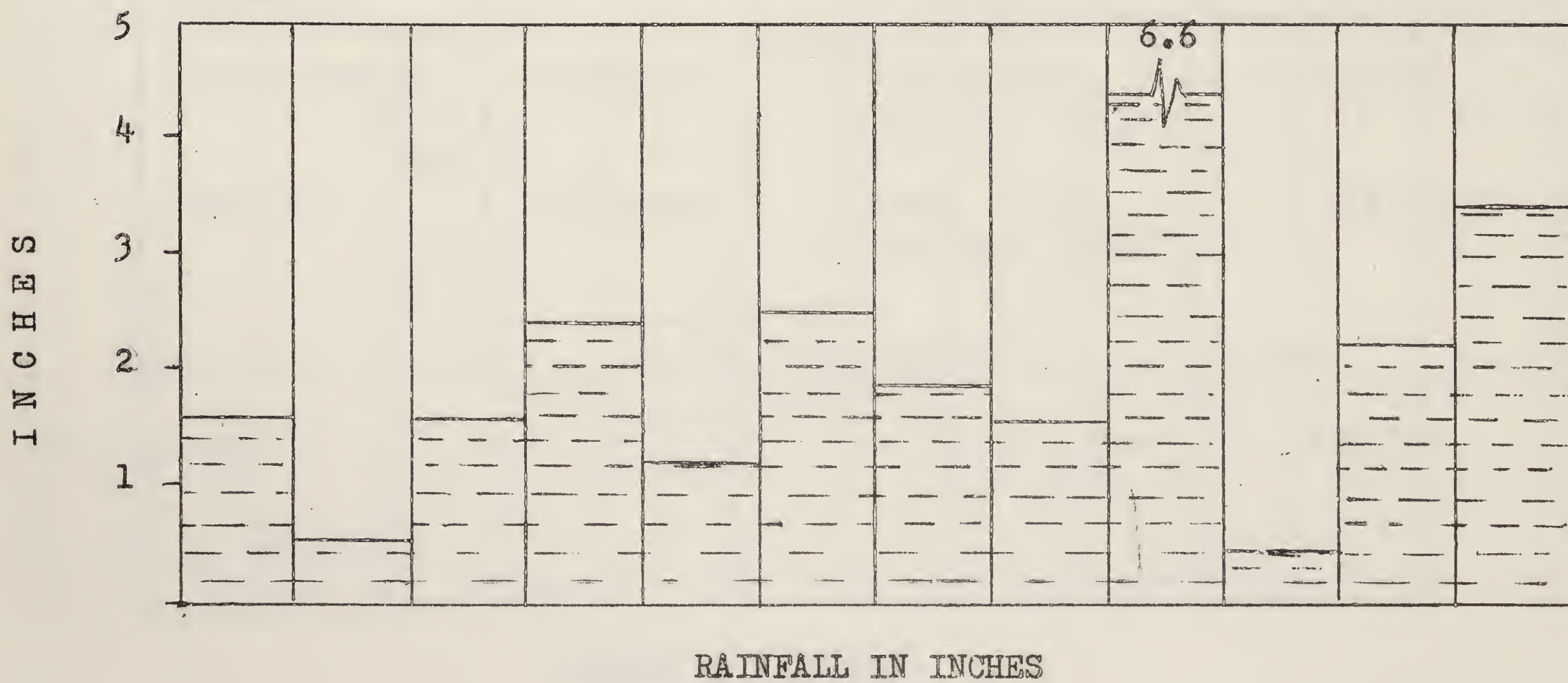
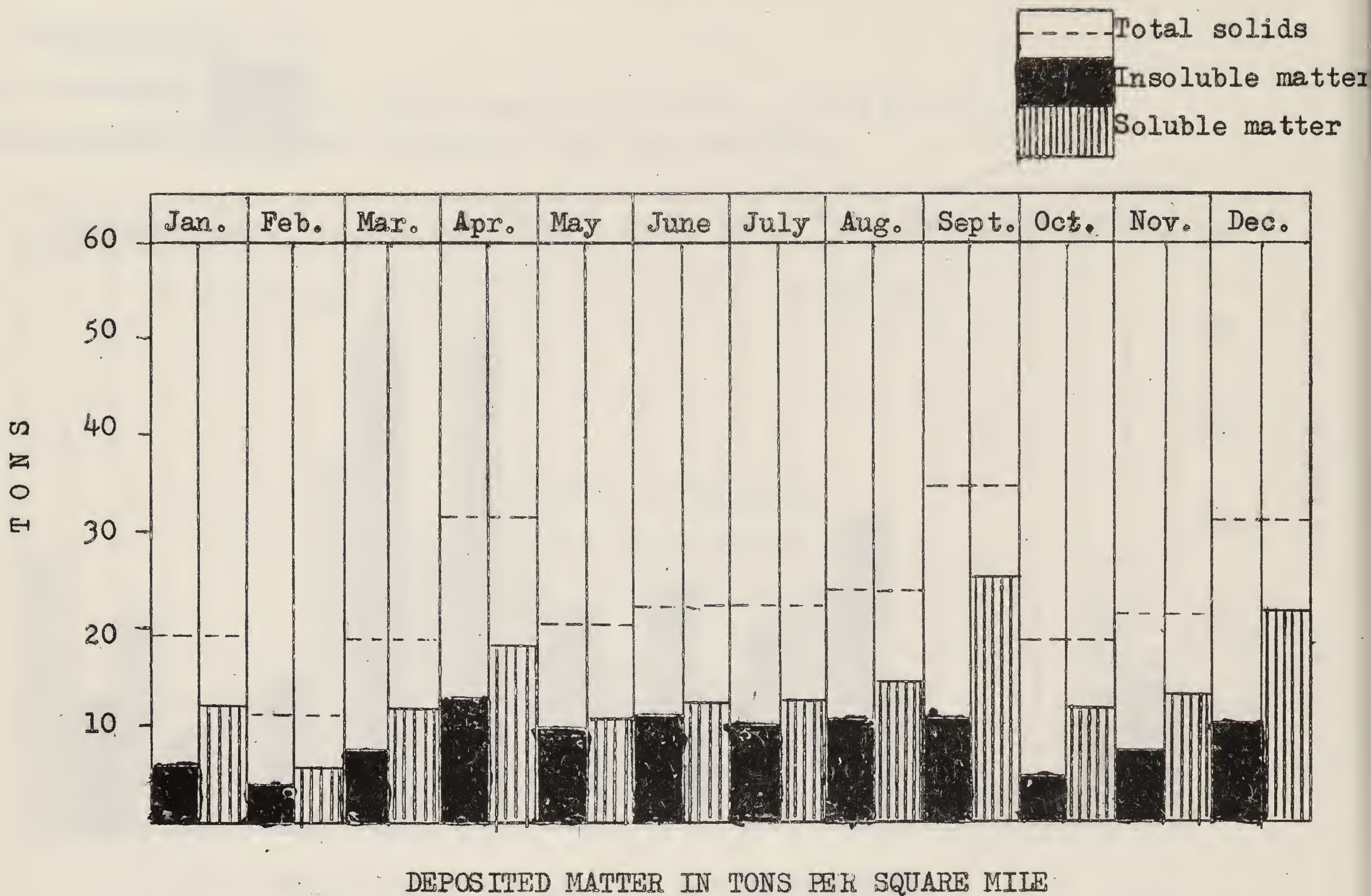
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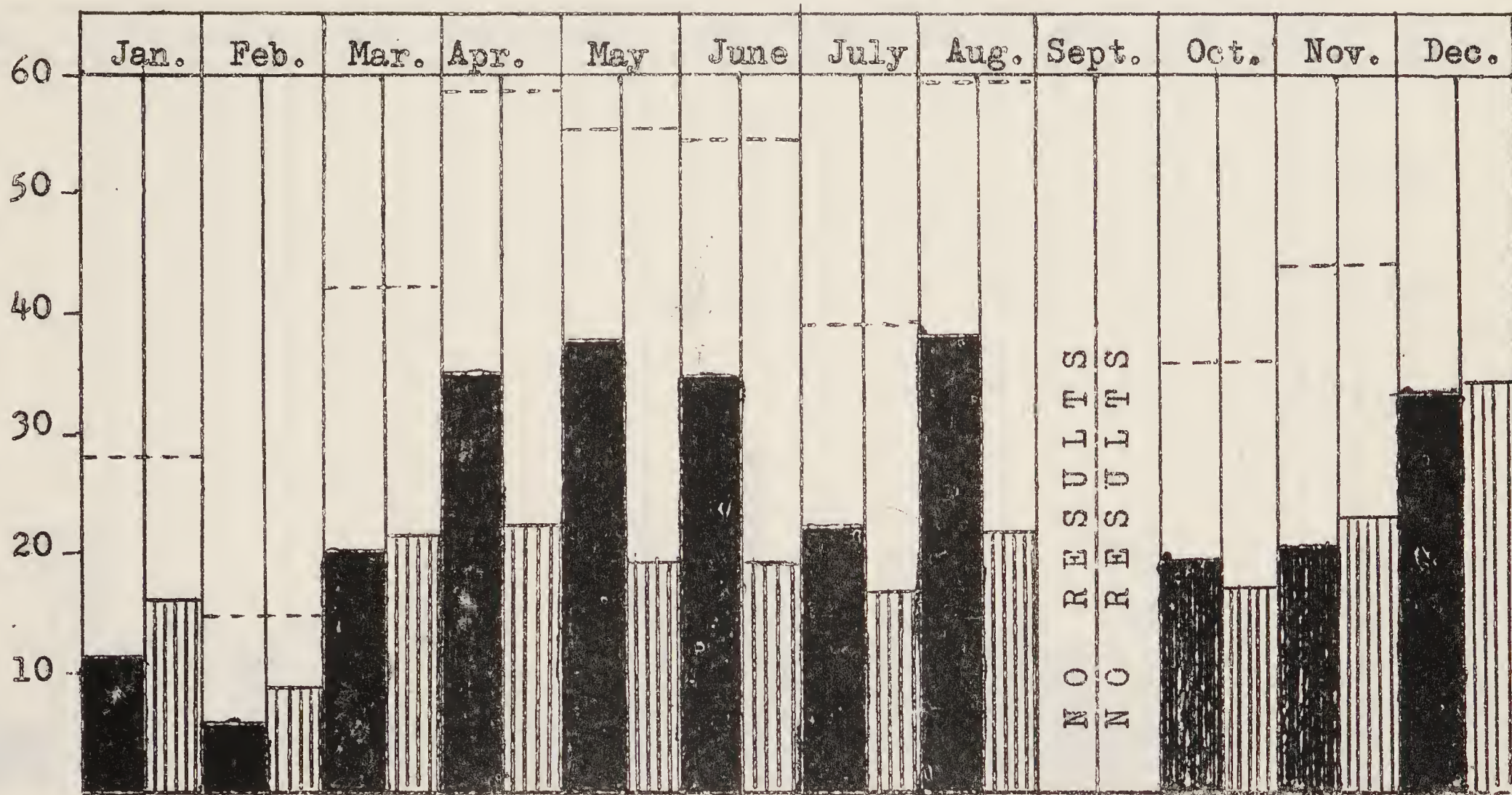
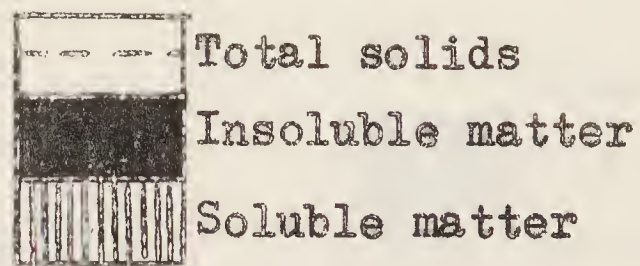
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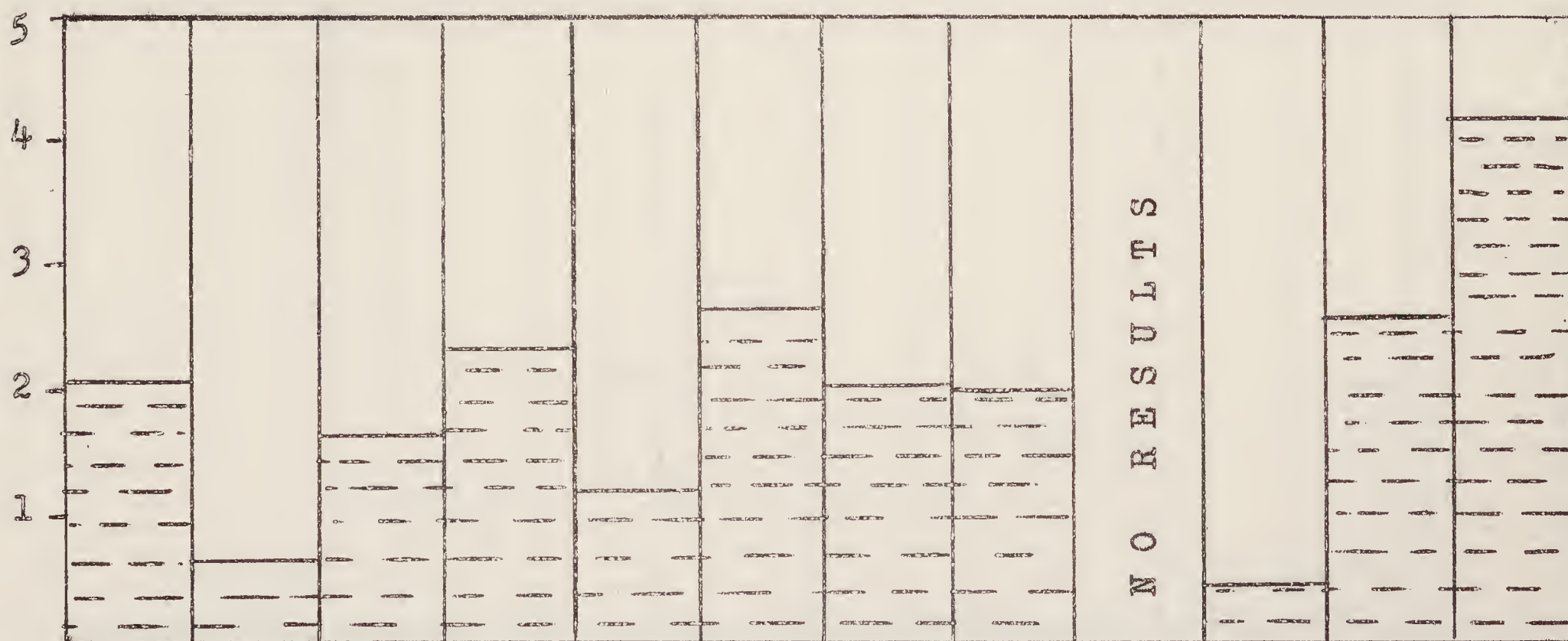


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NORTH HALLING



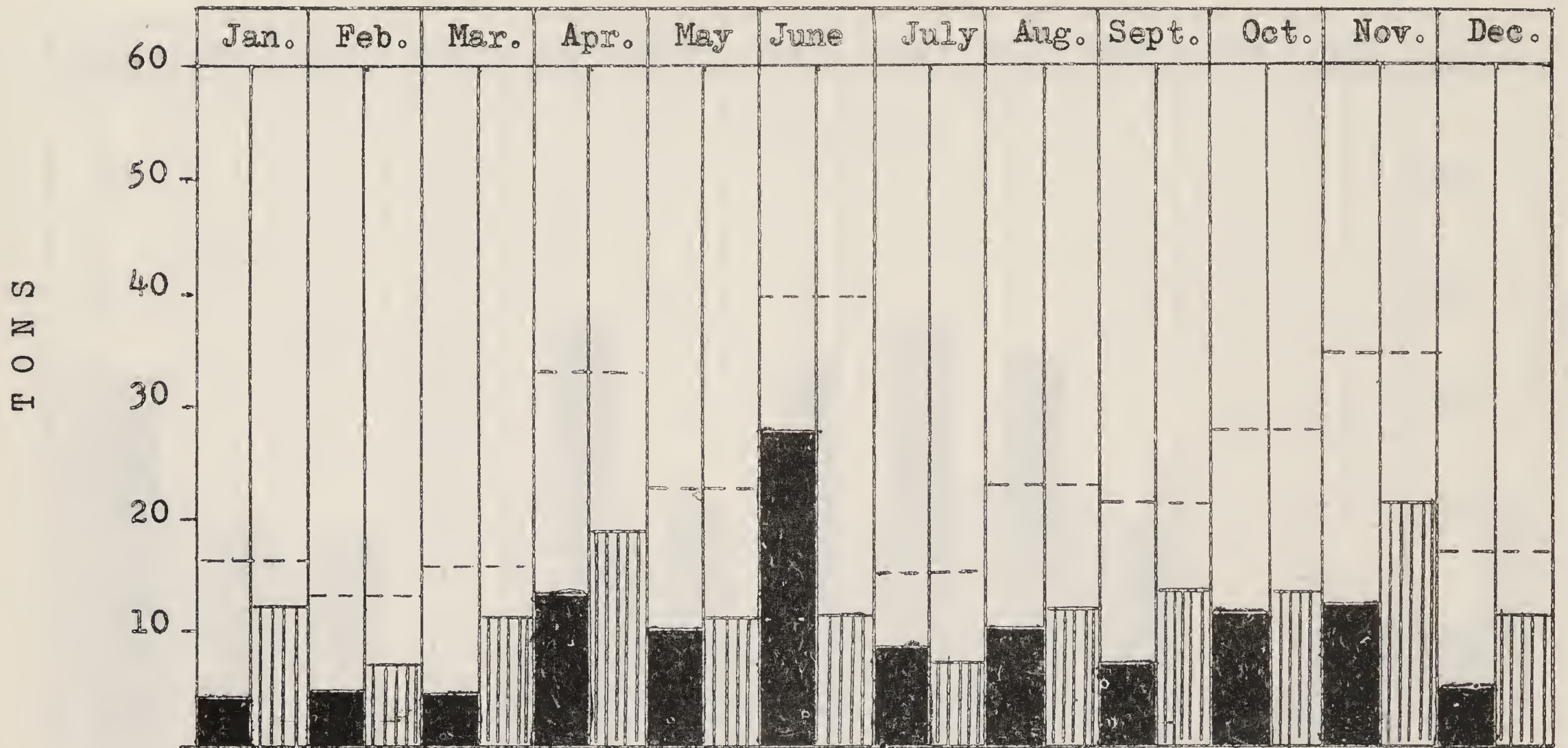
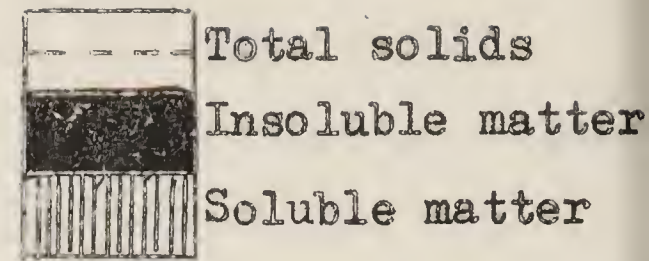
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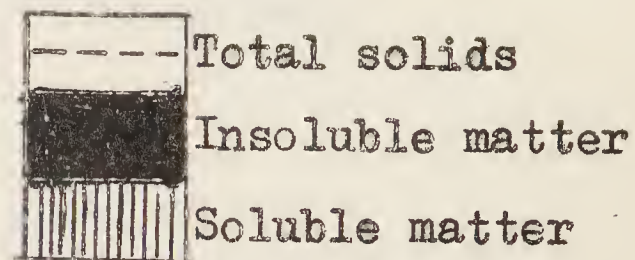
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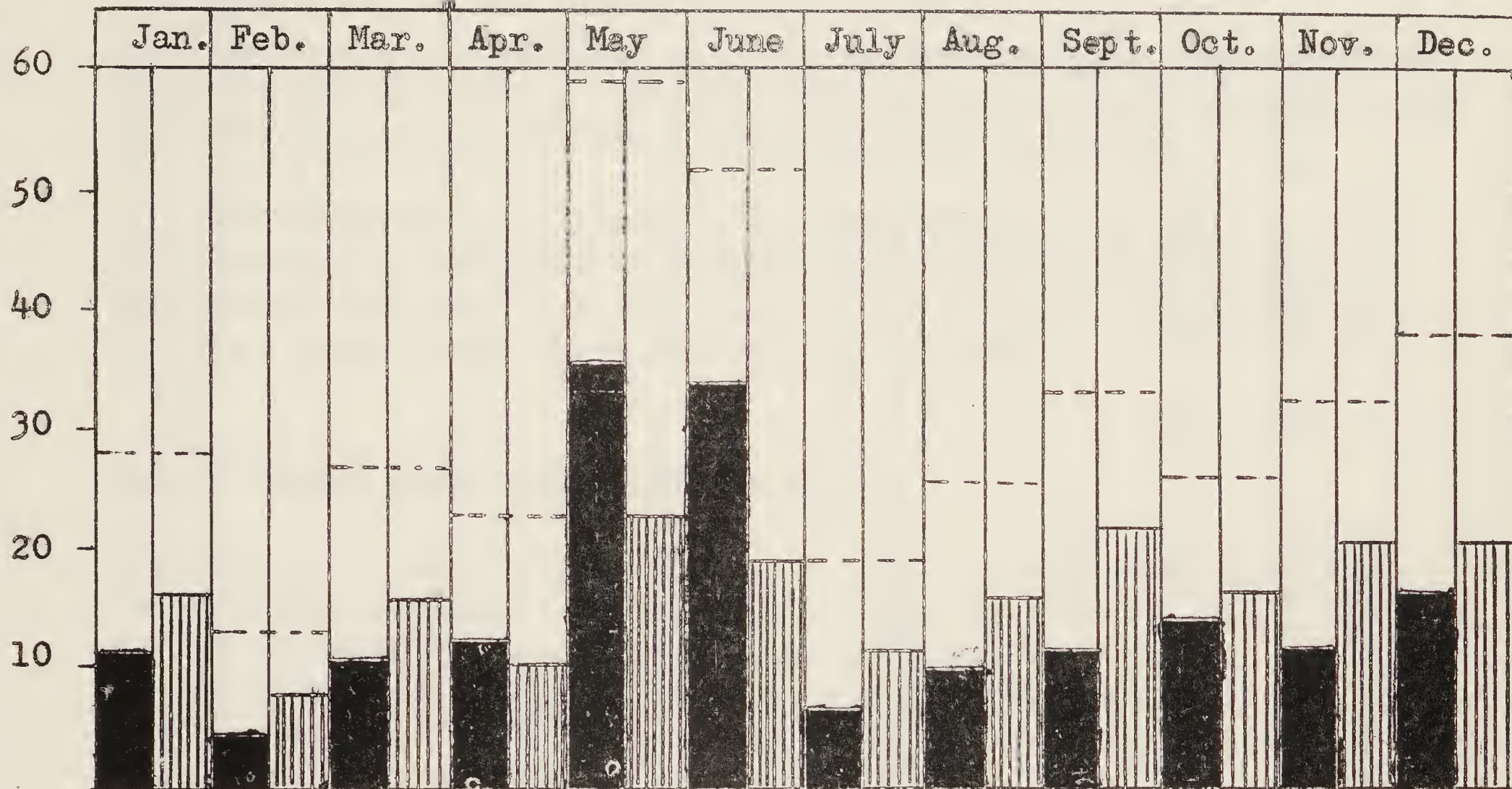
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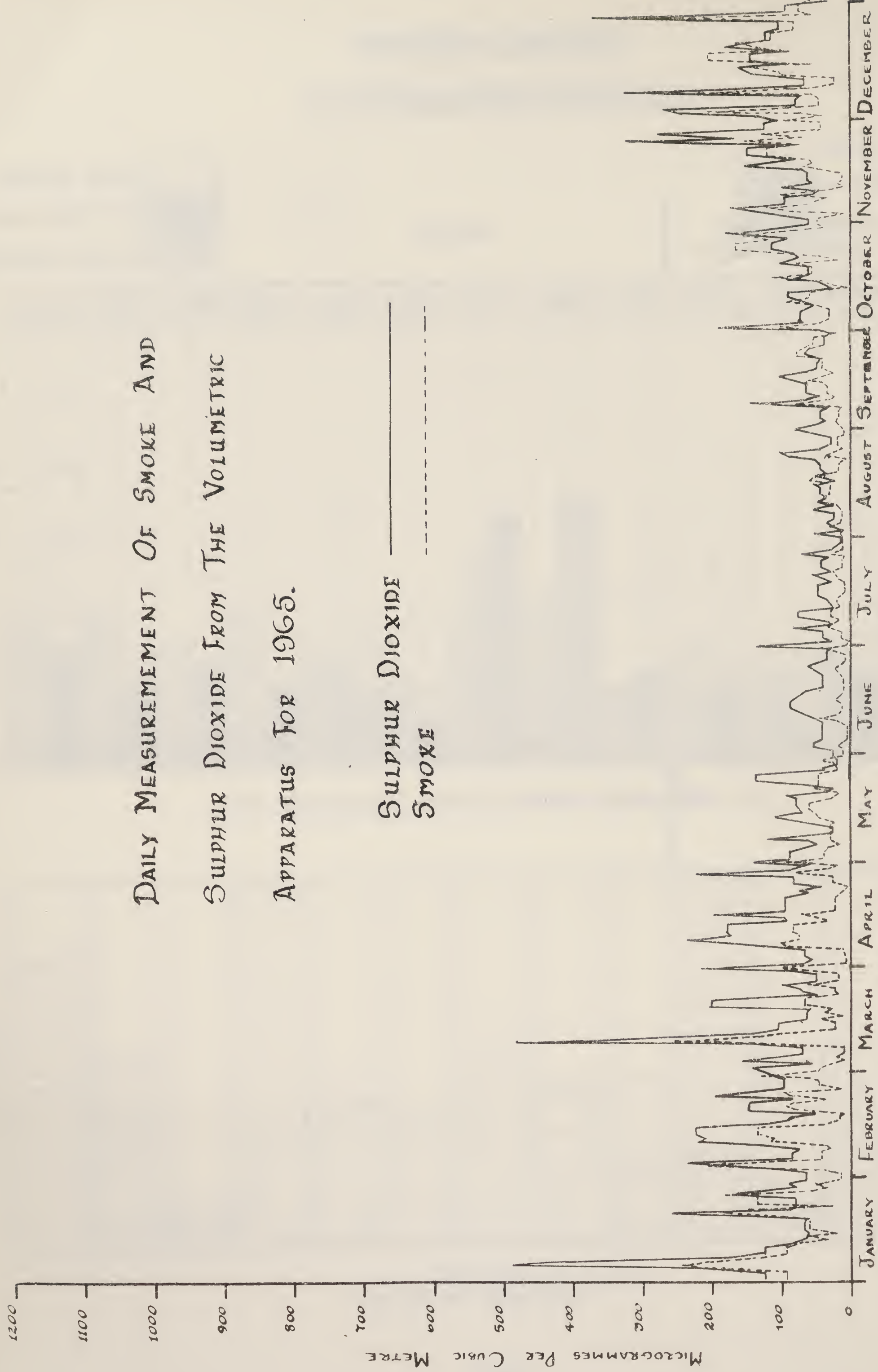
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RAINFALL IN INCHES

DAILY MEASUREMENT OF SMOKE AND
SULPHUR DIOXIDE FROM THE VOLUMETRIC
APPARATUS FOR 1965.

SULPHUR DIOXIDE
SMOKE



ICE-CREAM

83 premises are registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. There is no ice-cream manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 44 retailers and 3 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 4 dealers retailing milk in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

The retailers, in general, are shop-keepers who sell sterilised milk only and no samples were taken during the year due to the fact that the milk sold in the district is sampled by adjacent authorities where the milk is bottled.

No. of Visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	173
No. of other premises inspected.....	919
No. of re-inspections.....	102
No. of nuisances found.....	21
No. of nuisances abated.....	39
No. of informal notices served.....	7
No. of informal notices complied with.....	3
No. of statutory notices served.....	-
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	-
No. of inspections to caravans.....	284
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	18
No. of inquiries in cases of infectious diseases.....	34
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	7
No. of houses disinfested.....	-
No. of water samples taken.....	41

Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected.....	9
No. of re-inspections.....	1

The following work was carried out following inspection:-

EXTERNAL

Accumulation of refuse removed.....	4
Cesspools emptied.....	6
Cesspools repaired.....	3
Ditches cleared.....	1
Drains cleared.....	7
Gullies cleared.....	1
Roof repaired.....	5
Sewer cleared.....	1
Walls repaired.....	4

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired.....	1
Doors repaired.....	1
Floors repaired.....	3
W.C. Basin replaced.....	1
W.C. Cisterns repaired.....	2
Walls repaired.....	2
Water tap repaired.....	1
Windows repaired.....	5

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of this Act.

HOUSING ACTS 1957/1961

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

No. of Houses reported.....	1
No. of Demolition Orders made.....	0
No. of Closing Orders made.....	0
No. of Undertakings given.....	12

There were 8 occupied dwellings remaining on the slum clearance list at the end of 1965 on which action had not been taken, three of these dwellings were not included in the original figures given to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but were added during 1965.

A total of 26 houses was demolished in the district during 1965, 12 as a result of slum clearance action and 14 for redevelopment. There was also 1 Council property destroyed by fire.

No. of Houses inspected.....	78
No. of re-inspections.....	168
No. of Houses re-visited for overcrowding.....	1
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	39

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 254 shops in the area and during the year 202 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness and under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing and closing hours.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

423 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to the slaughterhouse.

107 visits were made to the one slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection, the table on page 28 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep or Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	261	8	38	309	1144	0
Number inspected	261	8	38	309	1144	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	47	1	0	3	65	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	18%	.125%	0	.97%	5.68%	0
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	10	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	.87%	0
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

FOOD CONDEMNED

Slaughterhouse

24	Bovine livers	Distomatosis
13	" "	Parasitic
6	" "	Abscesses
1	" liver	Adhesions
1	" "	Angioma
1	" head	Actinobacillosis
1	" head & tongue	Actinobacillosis
1	Cows udder	Mastitis
7	Pig heads	Tuberculosis
1	" head	Sarcoma
25	" livers	Parasites
2	" legs	Abscesses
1 pr.	" lungs	Pneumonia
4 prs.	" lungs	Pleurisy
1 pr.	" lungs	Abscesses
3	" heads & tongues	Tuberculosis
1	" offal	Abscesses
1	" heart	Tuberculosis
7	" heart	Adhesions
12	" heart	Pericarditis
3	" hearts & lungs	Adhesions
3	" hearts & lungs	Pleurisy
2	" carcasses	Dead on Arrival
1	Sheep liver	Cirrhosis
1	" liver	Parasites
1	" hind leg	Bruising

FOOD CONDEMNED

Shops

6-lbs.		Corned Beef	Decomposed	
8-lbs.		Chopped Pork	Decomposed	
6-lbs.	12-ozs.	Peach Slices	Decomposed	
3-lbs.	8-ozs.	Oats	Decomposed	
4-lbs.		Raisins	Decomposed	
1-lb.	1-oz.	Sultanas	Decomposed	
3-lbs.	8-ozs.	Coconut	Decomposed	
4-lbs.		Currants	Decomposed	
14-lbs.		Prunes	Decomposed	
9-lbs.	8-ozs.	Rice	Decomposed	
4-lbs.	7-ozs.	Frozen chicken	Putrified	
2-lbs.		Ham	Putrified	
14-lbs.	14-ozs.	Garden Peas	Decomposed)	
2-lbs.	3-ozs.	Brussel Sprouts	Decomposed)	
6-lbs.	3-ozs.	Green Beans	Decomposed)	
1-lb.	10-ozs.	Fried Chips	Decomposed)	Due to
2-lbs.	8-ozs.	Mixed Vegetables	Decomposed)	
1-lb.		Braised Beef	Decomposed)	failure
1-lb.	6-ozs.	Lemon Mousse	Decomposed)	
1-lb.	6-ozs.	Chocolate Mousse	Decomposed)	of cold
1-lb.	4-ozs.	Fish Fingers	Decomposed)	
1-lb.	5-ozs.	Cod Fries	Decomposed)	cabinet
	12-ozs.	Faggots	Decomposed)	
	9-ozs.	Broccoli Spears	Decomposed)	
	15-ozs.	Shortcrust	Decomposed)	
	4-ozs.	Dairy Cream	Decomposed)	
5.		Chicken Pies	Decomposed)	

7 pints 9½-fl.ozs. Bitter Lemon Drink
 19 pints 16½-fl.ozs. Bitter Orange Drink
 7 pints 16-fl. ozs. Fire Water Drink

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

1,501 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of 623 found to be infested the owners of 4 carried out disinfection themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

Wasp nests

A total of 71 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 99 installations licenced to store petroleum spirit during the year and the premises licenced to store carbide of calcium numbered 17.

47 inspections were made during the year.

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public
Health Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.....	6	4	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.....	55	63	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).....	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	61	67	0	0

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient.....	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to (Outwork).....	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Out Work

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	SECTION 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc. Clean- ing and Washing	71	0	0	0	0	0

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during
the year ended 31st December, 1965.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Almond Oil.....	1	B/Fd.	36
Bitter Lemon Drink.....	1	Instant Coffee and Chicory.....	1
Blackberry and Apple Pie Filling.	1	Jam Pudding.....	1
Blackcurrant Conserve.....	1	Lead and Witch Hazel Lotion.....	1
Blackcurrant Flavour Cordial.....	1	Liquid Fruit Pectin.....	1
Bread.....	3	Marmalade.....	1
Chicken Noodle Soup (packet).....	1	Milk.....	40
Coffee.....	1	Mint Sauce.....	1
Concentrated Peppermint.....	1	Mist. Expect.....	1
Corned Beef.....	2	Oil of Juniper B.P.C.....	1
Cream.....	2	Orange Drink.....	5
Currants.....	1	Pork Pie.....	1
Dried Fruit Mixture.....	2	Rum.....	1
Dried Milk.....	3	Scotch Cheddar Cheese.....	1
Drinking Chocolate.....	1	Scotch Porridge with Cream.....	1
Frozen Strawberries.....	1	Shandy.....	1
Gin.....	4	Spirit of Sal Volatile.....	1
Glucose with Vitamin D.....	1	Spirit Vinegar.....	1
Gravy Salt.....	1	Sunny Spread.....	1
Ground Cinnamon.....	1	Tin Pineapple Pieces.....	1
Ice Pops.....	2	Tin Rhubarb.....	1
Inhalant.....	1	Tea.....	4
Inhalation of Menthol and		Whisky.....	1
Eucalyptus.....	1	Unsalted Butter Cheese.....	1
Instant Coffee.....	2	Vitacup.....	1
C/Fd.		Total	106

Summary

Milks.....	40
Drugs.....	9
Spirits.....	6
Other samples..	51

106

Food sampling - continued

Number of samples satisfactory : 88
Number of samples unsatisfactory : 18

1. Prosecutions

Proceedings were instituted against Betabake (Kent) Limited of Eastcourt Lane, Gillingham for selling bread which contained a foreign body, namely an adhesive dressing. Conviction recorded at the Chatham Magistrates' Court on the 11th October, 1965 and a fine of £30 imposed with £5. 10s. Od. costs.

2. Cautions issued to manufacturers

Shandy containing less than the 2⁰ proof spirit claimed by the manufacturers.

Sliced loaf of bread containing the major portion of an earwig, but which had not been baked in the crumb of the bread.

Loaf of bread with staining of the crumb due to iron additive normally used not being sufficiently mixed in.

Tin of corned beef containing a piece of animal hide to which was attached some hairs. This was an imported product and investigation showed that the material had not been properly trimmed.

Tin of corned beef showing deterioration in the meat caused by a ruptured score strip at the opening of the can.

Packet soup containing an immature cockroach which had apparently eaten its way into the packet during the period of distribution before retail sale.

Milk bottle showing minute dark specks attached to the glass.

3. Other adverse reports

Consumer complaint of a pork pie found to show small areas of mould growth associated both with the meat filling and the pastry. Investigation indicated that the retailer was at fault in selling a meat pie six days after delivery from the manufacturers. Retailer cautioned.

Food sampling - continued

Milk - of five "Appeal to Cow" samples taken at the farm two of the morning's milking were found to be low in fat content, viz. 2.60% and 2.65% respectively. Follow-up samples taken of milk delivered from this producer to the purchasing dairy were all satisfactory.

Sal Volatile B.P.C. on analysis showed the ammonia and ammonium carbonate contents to be outside the figures of the B.P.C. range. Enquiries made indicated that this article had been in stock for two years and the remainder was removed from sale.

Soft drinks. At the request of a shopkeeper, samples of orange drink and bitter lemon drink were submitted for analysis. It was found that the container had partially broken down allowing seepage of the contents and development of mould growth both on the carton and in some cases within the drink. This information was passed to the Chief Public Health Inspector of your Council and the remaining cartons of these drinks were withdrawn from sale by the shopkeeper.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE
AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the
County Medical Officer, Kent County
Council and Secretary of the Medway
and Gravesend Hospital Management
Committee)

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife, and for the provision of sitting-case transport the request must be made by a medical practitioner.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay to the appropriate ambulance station which in this area is at Star Mill Lane, Chatham.

Ambulance Stations in the area:-

	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Medway 52201/2
Coldharbour Road, Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage envelopes for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics.
Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District:

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	Thursday 10a.m. - 12 noon Midwives session Monday & Friday 2 - 4p.m. Relaxation & Mothercraft Wednesday 5.30 - 8p.m. Thursday 2 - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	Child Welfare Centre, 90(c), Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	1st Thursday 2 - 4p.m. Relaxation & Mothercraft Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	Gordon Mission Hall, Gravesend.	Relaxation & Mothercraft Monday 7.30 - 9p.m. Midwives session 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday afternoons 2 - 4p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS

1. Tuberculosis

13, New Road,
Rochester.

Telephone No:

Medway 42182

Gravesend & North Kent
Hospital

Telephone No:

Gravesend 67812

- Monday - Friday
9a.m. - 5p.m.

Saturday
9a.m. - 12 noon

- Wednesday - General Clinic
Thursday morning refill clinic
Saturday morning
9a.m. - 11 a.m.
(children only)

2. School clinics

- | | |
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| Elm House,
15, New Road Avenue, Chatham | - 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday
afternoons |
| K.C.C. Clinic,
Gun Lane, Strood | - Every Wednesday afternoon
4 - 5 p.m. |
| 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend | - Wednesday & Friday 9 - 10 a.m. |

3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

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| Elm House,
15, New Road Avenue, Chatham | - Monday to Friday |
| Gun Lane, Strood | - Monday to Friday |
| 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend | - Monday to Friday |

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 118, Maidstone Road, Chatham | - Telephone No: Medway 42098 |
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Ophthalmic

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 118, Maidstone Road, Chatham | - Every Monday morning
Every Friday morning |
| Gravesend Hospital, Gravesend | - Tuesday mornings
Thursday afternoons |
| 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend | - Thursday mornings |

Speech defects

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 118, Maidstone Road, Chatham | - by appointment |
| 90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend | - Monday to Friday
(mornings only) |
| Marlborough Road, Gillingham | - Monday, Tuesday morning,
Thursday and Friday |

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open between 2 and 4 p.m. on the days given, except where otherwise indicated, for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Child Welfare Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- Co-operative Hall,	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays
Cobham	- The Meadow Room, The Street,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Cuxton	- Social Club & Working- Mens Inst. Bush Road,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10a.m.- 12 noon and 2 - 4p.m.
Frindsbury Extra	- Memorial Hall, Holly Road, Wainscott,	Thursdays
Halling	- Church Hall, Vicarage Road,	1st and 3rd Fridays
Harvel, Meopham	- Village Hall,	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall, School Lane,	2nd and 4th Fridays
High Halstow	- Recreation Hall,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Hoo	- Village Hall,	Wednesdays 2 - 4p.m. Thursdays 10a.m. - 12noon
Isle of Grain	- New Village Hall,	1st and 3rd Fridays
Meopham	- Village Hall,	Thursdays
Shorne	- Village Hall,	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Stoke	- British Legion Hall,	2nd and 4th Fridays
Strood	- Gun Lane,	Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Fridays 10a.m. - 12 noon

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS

The following main distribution centre is adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

District Office,

Gun Lane, Strood

Welfare foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on previous page.

PRINCIPAL WELFARE OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Mental Welfare Officers under the Mental Health Act, 1959.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the Public and arranging for the County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Distribution of welfare foods.
4. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-
 - (a) dealing with applications for admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons for residential establishments other than in cases of sickness;
 - (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property;
 - (c) welfare of handicapped persons;

Principal Welfare Officers and Welfare Officers

Rochester	-	Office:-	Gun Lane, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 77542
		Hours:-	8.45a.m.-1p.m. 2.15p.m.-5.30p.m.	(Monday to Friday)

Principal Welfare Officers and Welfare Officers - continued

Rochester	-	Principal Welfare Officer:-	Mr. E. Farrell, 97, Castlemaine Avenue, Gillingham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 52809
		Welfare Officer:-	Mr. A.B. Bottle, 2, MacDonald Road, Gillingham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 53180
		Welfare Officer:-	Mrs. K.M.B. Carter, "Lucan View", Whitepost Lane, Culverstone, Meopham.	<u>Telephone No:-</u> Fairseat 639
		Welfare Officer:-	Mr. R.G.R. Carter, 41, Allington Drive, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 79366
		Welfare Officer:-	Mr. F. Dutton, Top Flat, 18, City Way, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 45724
Gravesend	-	Office:-	Divisional County Office, Windmill Street, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 64701
		Principal Welfare Officer:-	Mr. B.J. Fleming, 187, Old Road East, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 66668
		Welfare Officer:-	Mr. P.S. Coast, 11, Coldharbour Road, Northfleet.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 4877
		Welfare Officer:-	Mr. N.R.S. Moore,	
		Welfare Officer:-	Miss F. Ruddle, 27, Wingfield Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 67837

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the Principal Welfare Officer (see previous page).

Training Centre

A training centre for mentally subnormal persons is established at:-

Darnley Road,
Strood.

Telephone No: Medway 78153

Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Monday to Friday,
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

All enquiries regarding the Training Centre should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council provides midwives to attend women in their own home.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Cliffe	)	Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	19, Higham Road,	
	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223
Frindsbury Extra	)	Miss I.E. Mullett,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott only	)	39, Gill Avenue,	
Chattenden	)	Wainscott, Frindsbury.	Medway 78556
Higham	)	Mrs. S. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	8, Chilton Drive,	
less Upnor and	)	Higham.	Shorne 2309
Wainscott)		
Cuxton	)	Mrs. E. Brownson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	)	11, Harold Road, Cuxton.	Medway 78194
Frindsbury Extra	)	Miss E.K. Wright,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Part	)	22, Powlett Road,	
	)	Strood.	Medway 77557

Domiciliary Midwifery Service - continued

Allhallows)		
High Halstow)		
Isle of Grain	)	Appointment	
St. Mary Hoo	)	vacant	
Stoke)		
Hoo	)	Miss M.C. Day,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
less Chattenden	)	113, Main Road,	
	)	Hoo.	Hoo 266
Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	)	"Daveyhulme",	
Shorne	)	8, Crown Green, Shorne.	Shorne 2385
	)	Mrs. Jordan,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	)	"Elmcroft",	
Meopham	)	Meopham Green,	Meopham 2329
	)	Meopham.	

Group relief for Hoo, Stoke and Wainscott:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
19, Higham Road,	
Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free, is provided by the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cliffe	)	Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	19, Higham Road,	
Frindsbury Extra	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223
Wainscott only)		
Higham	)	Mrs. S. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	8, Chilton Drive,	
less Upnor and	)	Higham.	Shorne 2309
Wainscott)		

Home Nursing Service - continued

Frindsbury Extra) Upnor only)	Mrs. S.M. Workman, 100, City Way, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 41377
Cuxton) Halling)	Mrs. M.G. Skinner, 1, Montgomery Cottages, Upper Halling, Halling.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Snodland 461
Allhallows) High Halstow) Isle of Grain) St. Mary Hoo) Stoke)	Appointment vacant	
Hoo) less Chattenden)	Miss M.C. Day, 113, Main Road, Hoo.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Hoo 266
Cobham) Luddesdown) Shorne)	Miss E.M. Hudson, "Daveyhalme", 8, Crown Green, Shorne.	<u>Telephone No:-</u> Shorne 2385
Meopham)	Mrs. Jordan, "Elmcroft", Meopham Green, Meopham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Meopham 2329

Group relief for Hoo and Stoke:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris, 19, Higham Road, Cliffe.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Cliffe 223
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Group relief for Cuxton and Halling:-

Mrs. E.E. Collins, 199, Frindsbury Hill, Frindsbury, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 79336
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DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Domestic help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Domestic Help Service - continued

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood (Miss D. Dansie, Telephone No. Medway 77604) with the exception of residents in the Parishes of Cobham, Higham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne who should apply to Miss J. Cook, County Offices, Windmill Street, Gravesend, (Telephone No. Gravesend 64701).

NIGHT AND EVENING SERVICE

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no-one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks, unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

FAMILY CARE SERVICE

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

FAMILY WELFARE SERVICE

This service is provided, with the parents' consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-up service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

Health Visitors for Strood Rural District

Cobham	)	Mrs. J.A. Gatford,	
Higham	)	11, Nine Acres Road,	
Luddesdown	)	Cuxton.	
Allhallows	)	Mrs. P.C.D. Brenton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cliffe	)	"The Moorings",	
Cooling	)	Dillywood Lane,	Medway 77586
High Halstow	)	Higham.	
Isle of Grain)		
St. Mary Hoo)		
Stoke)		
Cuxton	)	Miss G. Thornton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	1, Moat House,	
Halling	)	Castle Hill, Rochester.	Medway 41841
	)	Miss M.C. Craddock,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	)	K.C.C. Clinic,	
Meopham	)	Whitehill Kings Farm Est.	Gravesend 4795
	)	Gravesend.	
	)	Miss C. James,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Shorne	)	107, Rochester Road,	
	)	Gravesend.	Gravesend 5966
Chattenden	)	Miss J. Bryant,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Hoo	)	K.C.C. Clinic,	
	)	Gun Lane, Strood.	Medway 79296

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against poliomyelitis and smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus. These services are also available at child welfare centres during the normal child welfare sessions.

Vaccines for protection against smallpox, poliomyelitis, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and diphtheria/tetanus are supplied by the Health and Welfare Department, County Hall, Maidstone (Maidstone 54321 Ext. 497).

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. Various types of nursing requisites will be available and details of addresses and times when the depots are open for distribution are shown below. Requests for the loan of nursing requisites should be made to the Principal Welfare Officer.

Medical Loan Depots

Rochester	-	British Red Cross Society, 67, High Street, Rochester, Daily from 10.30a.m. - 12noon. 2.30p.m. - 5p.m. (Except Wednesday and Saturday)	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42997
Gravesend	-	British Red Cross Society, Headquarters, Town Hall, Gravesend. Monday to Friday 3p.m. to 4.30p.m. or by appointment.	

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the Principal Welfare Officer (see pages 43 and 44) who will make the necessary arrangements for their provision.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the Physically handicapped, old people and expectant mothers as follows:-

Welfare Centre, Wayfield Road, Chatham	-	by appointment (Wednesday only)
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood	-	by appointment (daily)
Elm House, 15, New Road Ave., Chatham	-	by appointment (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Welfare Centre, Malling Road, Snodland	-	by appointment (Monday and Thursday)

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Local Offices:-	Chatham Local Office, Crown House, The Brook, Chatham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 44455
	Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 64811
	5, Castle Hill, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42237

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.
(Telephone No. Medway 41212-5)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T. Paediatric,
Infectious Diseases, Geriatric and Mental.

Hospital Services - continued

All Saints Hospital - continued

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Physical Medicine, Orthopaedic and Consultant Dentistry, Psychiatry.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester.
(Telephone No. Medway 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic and Paediatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Consultant Dentistry and Psychiatry.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester.
(Telephone No. Medway 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

Keycol Hill Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.
(Telephone No. Newington 222)

Infectious diseases.

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Gravesend
(Telephone No. Gravesend 67812)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, Paediatric, Orthopaedic.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, E.N.T.

Hospital Services - continued

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.

(Telephone No. Dartford 23231)

Infectious diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.

(Telephone No. Sittingbourne 3168)

Geriatric (longer-stay units)

St. James' Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend, Kent.

(Telephone No. Gravesend 2139)

Geriatric (longer-stay units)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

36, New Road, Rochester.

Mondays 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.

Telephone No: Medway 43343

Thursdays 10a.m. - 1p.m.

22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.

Men 11a.m. - 1p.m. Tuesdays
9 - 10a.m. Saturdays

Telephone No: Gravesend 3061.

Women 1 - 2p.m. Tuesdays
9 - 10 a.m. Saturdays

Abstract from Annual Return 1965

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	3	-	3
Gonorrhoea.....	8	1	9
Non-Venereal.....	34	10	44

